

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday St John Bosco  
 Thursday The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)  
 Friday St Blaise  
 Saturday St Thomas Aquinas

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 6.30pm: Confirmation Candidates Inscription Mass  
 Monday 7.15pm: Confirmation Preparation Class  
 Tuesday 8.00pm: Parish Prayer Group

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Maureen Allen, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Kay Kennedy, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Elsie Malone & Colette Patten.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Balbina (Balby) Saiz who died on Friday 13th January. Her requiem mass will take place on **Tuesday 31st January at 11.30am**. Her family specifically wish to invite all Balbina's friends to attend her requiem.  
 Please pray also for William George Hedger who died on Sunday 22nd January. His requiem mass will be on **Thursday 2nd February at 11.30am**.  
 May they and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Dann, Margaret Murphy, Dinah North, Eleanor Weldon, Edward Smith, Evelyn Bidwell, Frederic William Humm. Helen Cave, Mary Kiely, Charles Miller, Sandra Stiff, Sylvia Mitchell, Dorothy Hall, William Brenninkmeyer, Patrick Nunez, Bridget Egan, Joseph Galligan, Maude Mansfield, Margarete Hards, Luigi Mezzetta, Frank Mifsud, Johannes Korttenray, Ann Cunningham. Marilyn Celia Tinenti, Winifred Duckett, Elizabeth Sharkey, Margaret Scott, Martin Hughes, Emily Wright, Catherine Mary Fisher, Mary Cassidy, Frederick Thomas, Frances Carr, Catherine Sellwood, Alan Hanley.

+++ May they rest in peace +++

St Peter's Church, Norbiton

St Peter's Church celebrates its 175th anniversary this year with a number of events. See the notice in the church porch. We are particularly invited to the afternoon celebration on **Saturday 18th February** between **4.00pm** and **7.00pm**.



*Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever*

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 29th January 2017

Fourth Sunday of the Year (A)

Saturday	9.30am	Dorothy Hall RIP
	6.30pm	Edith Knight RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Tina Piccirillo RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Patrick Nunez RIP
Monday	9.30am	Edith Knight RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Anthony Dias RIP
	11.30am	Requiem Balbina Saiz
Wednesday	9.30am	George Smith RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Thomas Joseph Byrne RIP
	11.30am	Requiem William George Hedger
Friday	9.30am	School Mass – for the wellbeing of Fr Gerry
Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Joan Kelly RIP
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-11.00am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule	

FR GERRY

Please continue to pray for the health and welfare of Fr Gerry. He will be living for some weeks at Coloma Court, West Wickham for a period of rest and recuperation. We will provide a telephone number on which he can be contacted in due course.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Offerings

First collection	Gift Aid	£549.50	Loose	£538.65
Retiring collection	Gift Aid	£28.00	Loose	£70.90

This weekend's retiring collection is for CAFOD .

### Preparation for Confirmation

The candidates for confirmation will participate in the Inscriptio mass on **Sunday 29th January at 6.30pm.**

Their next class will be on **Monday 30th January at 7.15pm** in the Cloister.

### Preparation for First Holy Communion

The next First Holy Communion preparation class will be on **Monday 6th February at 3.30pm.**

### Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday at 8.00pm** in the church for rosary, praise and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us. Please enter through the presbytery.

### Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness Quiz Night

The quiz night will be held at St Paul's Church, Queens Road on **Saturday 11th February from 6.45pm to 9.30pm.** Tickets are £12 per head including a light supper. There will be a cash bar and the obligatory raffle. Tickets may be ordered from "KCAH Quiz Night" St Peter's Church Hall, London Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 6QL. For further details see the notice in the church porch.

### St Agatha's Quiz Night – Teachers/Staff vs Parents and Carers

Spend an evening with good beer, fine wines and great company at the first St Agatha's Quiz night against the teachers and staff! Feel free to make up your own teams of 6–8 players or just come on the night to join a team! There will be lots of fun and prizes to be won but, more importantly, reputations are at stake! The event will take place at the Canbury Arms on **Thursday 23rd February.** Please arrive by **7.30pm** to reserve your table, the quiz night starts at **8.00pm.** The cost is £5 per person.

For more information see [http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/sta\\_gathasquiznight](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/sta_gathasquiznight)

### Hospital chaplain

If you, or a member of your family are admitted to Kingston Hospital you need to inform the ward staff that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain Fr. Julius. His phone number is 8942 2178.

## SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS

### **First Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12–13**

The prophet calls us to integrity and humility. Integrity: saying what we mean and doing what we say. Humility: knowing the truth about ourselves.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26–31**

God chooses what is foolish by human reckoning. The world values power and influence. The Lord values thinking of others before we think about ourselves. How foolish is that?

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 1–12**

Those who do not seem particularly fortunate are truly blessed. If we live for other rather than ourselves, then we have discovered the secret of living peaceably and contentedly in the world.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### **The Beatitudes**

The beatitudes are the badges of a true disciple of Christ. They are the marks of a child of God. They make us rich in the sight of God. They open our minds and our hearts to a new way of seeing and judging. They give us a whole new set of bearings. The things the beatitudes stand for are very beautiful and very precious – things such as peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness, compassion, mercy, integrity ... A person who lives according to the beatitudes is already living in the kingdom of heaven. Eternal life will merely be the full blossoming of a plant that is green with life.

**Flor McCarthy S.D.B.**

## THE MERCY OF LOVE – FATHER FORGIVE THEM

Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life. Every page of the Gospel is marked by the imperative of a love that loves to the point of forgiveness. Even at the last moment of his earthly life, as he was being nailed to the cross, Jesus spoke words of forgiveness: "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Nothing of what a repentant sinner places before God's mercy can be excluded from the grace of his forgiveness. For this reason, none of us has the right to make forgiveness conditional. Mercy is always a gratuitous act of our heavenly Father, an unconditional and unmerited act of love. Consequently, we cannot risk opposing the full freedom of the love with which God enters into the life of every person. Mercy is this concrete action of love that, by forgiving, transforms and changes our lives. God is merciful (cf Exodus 34:6); his mercy lasts forever (cf Psalm 136). From generation to generation it embraces all those who trust in him, and it changes them, by bestowing a share in his very life.

**Pope Francis – Misericordia et Misera part 2**